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Although it may be a bit presumptuous on my part, I am responding to the NIS User Questionnaire in my role as supervisor and senior representative to the National Military Command Center, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A complete set of the NIS publications is maintained in the library of the NMCC for use by the various teams. While the Factbook is probably used more frequently than the NIS topical units in response to crash requirements and questions, the General Survey is consulted frequently. It has been my experience that the NMCC/JCS team chiefs and desk officers are most appreciative of the Agency's NIS publications because of the professionalism and clarity of such publications.

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4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

A=Regularly B=Occasionally C=Rarely D=Never

b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

1=Planning and operations

4=General background and orientation

2=Research, analysis, and production

5=Other (specify) _____

3=Briefings

Col. I	Col. II		Col. I	Col. II	
<u>A</u>	<u>1 3 4</u>	General Survey (check sections used most frequently)	—	— — — —	Telecommunications
		— Chronology	—	— — — —	Population
		— Introduction	—	— — — —	Characteristics of the People
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography			
		— Transp. and Telecom.			
		— Sociological			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	—	— — — —	Religion, Education, and Public Information
		— Economic			
		— Scientific			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces	<u>A</u>	<u>— 3 4</u>	Manpower
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Brief			
		— Summary Map			
<u>A</u>	<u>— 3 4</u>	Basic Intelligence Factbook	—	— — — —	Health and Sanitation
—	— — — —	Coasts and Landing Beaches	—	— — — —	Intelligence and Security
—	— — — —	Weather and Climate	<u>A</u>	<u>— 3 4</u>	Subversion and Insurgency
—	— — — —	Meteorological Organization and Facilities	—	— — — —	Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry
—	— — — —	Topography	—	— — — —	Fuels
<u>A</u>	<u>— 3 4</u>	Urban Areas	—	— — — —	Electric Power
—	— — — —	Railroads	—	— — — —	Minerals and Metals
—	— — — —	Highways	—	— — — —	Manufacturing and Construction
—	— — — —	Inland Waterways	—	— — — —	Trade and Finance
—	— — — —	Ports and Naval Facilities	<u>A</u>	<u>— 3 4</u>	Armed Forces
—	— — — —	Merchant Marine	—	— — — —	Marine Climate
—	— — — —	Civil Air	—	— — — —	Oceanography

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5. In general, do you consider yourself:

- ☒ a. Regular user of NIS publications
☐ b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- ☐ Principal source of information
☐ Secondary source
☒ Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available
☐ Supplies corroborative information
☐ Other (specify) _____

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for only infrequent use:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- ☐ Not readily available
☐ Not sufficiently current
☐ Too summarized and generalized
☐ Too detailed
☐ Only marginally related to my needs
☐ Needs filled by other publications (specify) _____

☐ NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) _____

☐ Other (specify) _____

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency planning?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No Why? ALL "CRISIS" PERIODS.

If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

- ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Adequate ☐ Marginal

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9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major shortcomings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.) _____

Currency of information.

(answer may be continued on the reverse)

10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units? _____

An improved method of indexing for the military
systematic mind.

Note: The NIS maps are the finest in the world from the
military mind. We have often been complimented on
the NIS maps.

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Signature (optional)

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